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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 01, 2002, please amend the application identified above as follows:

In the claims:

Please substitute the following claims:

Claim 1 (amended):

A stabilized lyophilized hepatitis A live vaccine formulation comprising prophylactically effective titers of live attentuated hepatitis A vi/us and a stabilizer, wherein said stabilizer is present in the vaccing formulation at a concentration sufficient to stabilize the hepatitis A virus against heat

inactivation.

Claim 3 (amended):

A stabilized lyophilized hepatitis A live vaccine formulation according to claim 1, wherein said stabilizer for lyophilized live hepatitis A virus comprises human serum albumin or gelatin or both of them; trehalose; at least one amino acid selected from the group consisting of glutamic acid, aspartic

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